

Veterans Committee Minutes
August 3, 2015 - 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kinowski; Supervisors Allen, Barrett and Collyer; Chad Cooke, Deputy Administrator; Frank McClement, Veterans Director.

Chairman Kinowski called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Allen the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. McClement gave a brief outline of the monthly Veterans Service Report as follows:

Veteran Service Officer Summary Report

There were fourteen new claims assembled and submitted for July. Thirty-eight scheduled appointments were conducted with 26 walk in clients and 9 referrals made from the Department of Social Services.

Veterans Outreach Events

- a. July 11th - The director attended a CSSC Luncheon hosting the US Naval Admiral
- b. The Veterans Department had a presence at the Saratoga County Fair which took place July 21st through July 25th.
- c. The Director and Veterans Service Officer attended the New York State Division of Veterans Affairs Training in Syracuse which took place on July 29th and 30th.

Saratoga County Veterans Transportation

There were 113 rides provided to Veterans for the month of July.

Veterans Trust Fund

The current balance in the Veterans Trust Fund is \$30,161.58. One donation was made on July 2nd totaling \$250.

Peer to Peer Summary

The Vets and Pets program is a partnership with the County Animal Shelter and will continue on as planned with the Shelter staff.

The program allows Veterans involved in the Peer to Peer program to be given companion animals.

Mr. McClement said when the Joseph P. Dwyer Program first began, after approximately a year of being in operation, Saratoga County hosted the first meeting of all the counties that had grant money at the time. He said the State University of New York at Albany is looking to get all the counties together again through a program they are holding on October 26th and 27th to discuss best practices.

Mr. McClement said there was an application for a donation from the Veterans Trust Fund in the amount of \$500.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve a donation request from the Veterans Trust Fund in the amount of \$500. Unanimous.

Mr. McClement said his office received notification from the City Center that due to a double booking, they are no longer able to accommodate the Veterans event that was scheduled for October 16, 2015. Possible other venue sites were discussed during the committee meeting. Mr. McClement said he is waiting to hear back from the Hall of Springs as a possible location.

On a motion by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Barrett the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom